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BUGSY SIEGEL

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES**

FILE NO. **62-2674** *b7c*

REPORT MADE AT MIAMI	DATE WHEN MADE 2/12/47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/12, 16, 21, 23-24, 30-31/47	REPORT MADE BY
TITLE BENJAMIN "BUGG" SIEGEL, with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information concerning Colonial Inn and Green Acres, gambling casinos, Hallandale, Fla., and connection therewith of SIEGEL, FRANK COSTELLO, MEYER LANSKY, JOE ADONIS, the so-called "Big 6," set forth with data concerning others of lesser importance connected therewith.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Salt Lake City to Miami, December 2, 1946
Teletype from Salt Lake City to Director and Miami, January 7, 1947
Bureau teletype to Miami dated January 20, 1947
Teletype from Los Angeles to Miami dated January 17, 1947
Report of Special Agent dated January 17, 1947 at Los Angeles, California
Letter from Miami to the Director, dated January 29, 1947
Teletype from Los Angeles to Miami and other offices dated February 4, 1947

DETAILS:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Referenced letter to the Director dated January 29, 1947, with copy to the Los Angeles and copy to the Salt Lake City Field

<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. E. Thompson</i></p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED: NOV 17 1964</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 Bureau 2 Los Angeles (62-2837) 2 Salt Lake City (62-1130) (Info) 2 Chicago (Info) 2 Miami 	<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">62-81578-416</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">RECEIVED-BOZEM</p>
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Divisions sets forth information relative to the purchase of the residence at 1435 West 28th Street, Sunset Isle No. 1, Miami Beach, Florida, February 8, 1946, by VIRGINIA HILL, due to the fact that no one has been living there since March of 1946. This address is in an exclusive section of Miami Beach.

It has been the general information of the Miami Field Division for some time that these four mentioned individuals are interested in the ownership of these two gambling casinos along with [REDACTED]. There is also information that there is a Chicago interest therein, making the so-called "Big 6" group, which is said to be active on a nation-wide scale. [REDACTED]

JOE ADONIS of New York City, whose correct name is JOSEPH A. DOTO, has been reported as being in Hollywood, Florida, but this has never been definitely established thus far.

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With reference to SIEGEL, the Subject of this investigation, it is expected that if he comes to this area he will occupy the house which is in the name of VIRGINIA HILL at 1435 West 28th Street, Miami Beach, Florida.

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

The Green Acres is located in Hallandale, Florida, Broward County, which is immediately adjacent to the City of Hollywood, Florida, and gambling operations were begun on November 1, 1946. The Colonial Inn is also located in Hallandale, Florida, being in Broward County, and about a city block from the Gulf Stream Race Track.

[REDACTED] b7c

ARNER "LONGIE" ZWILLMAN, the New Jersey racketeer, has frequented Miami and vicinity in the past but any definite connection with the group above mentioned has not been determined.

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Reference is made to the teletype from the Salt Lake City Field Division dated January 17, 1947, and to Bureau teletype dated January 20, 1947, wherein information is set out to the effect that

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[REDACTED] In this connection, [REDACTED] Agent in Charge of the Local Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Professional Building, Miami, Florida, was contacted, and he advised that there is practically no way to check individuals to and from Havana if they are citizens. No passports are necessary and if a person is actually a citizen and returns to this country using an assumed name, there is no offense committed for which he could be held. [REDACTED] stated his office would cooperate to the fullest extent and that if photographs were furnished to him, they would be placed with the officials at the airport and steamship depots so that a lookout could be kept for SIEGEL and he could be thoroughly questioned upon arrival in this country. It was suggested by [REDACTED] that Customs officials could be contacted and arrangements be made to thoroughly search SIEGEL if he were discovered entering this country regardless of what name he might use. If SIEGEL comes to this area it was planned to request the Customs officials to be on the lookout for him.

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Reference is made to the teletype from the Los Angeles Field Division dated January 17, 1947, and the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Los Angeles, California, January 17, 1947, requesting information as to the activities and contacts of [REDACTED]

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Further reference is made to New York teletype dated January 20, 1947, setting forth background information to the effect that [REDACTED]

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It was determined that telephone 5-6881, is for the Ritz
Plaza Hotel, 1701 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida.



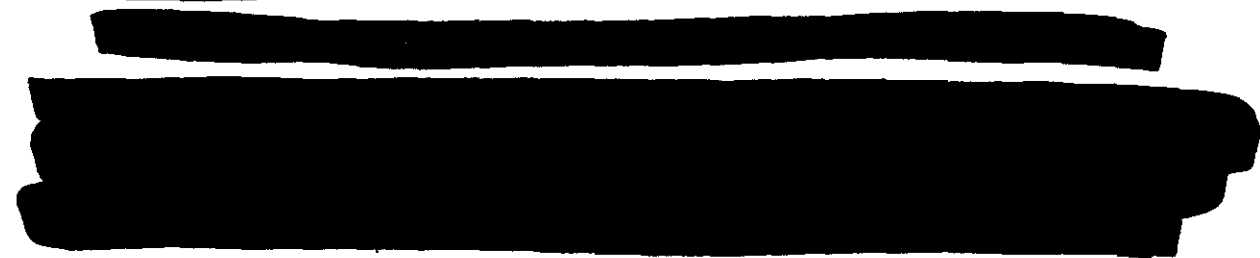
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Reference is made to the teletype from the Los Angeles Field Division dated January 25, 1947, stating that an individual named

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The Miami file 62-1273, crime survey file, contains a memorandum dated July 26, 1945, setting forth information furnished by an OPA investigator which mentioned

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[REDACTED] b7D

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

Copies of this report are being forwarded to the Chicago and Salt Lake City Field Divisions as they are actively following the investigation of SIEGEL.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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DATE 11-6-85 BY SP-7m

- Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen **R** _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____

FBI SALT LAKE CITY 2-3-47 3-45 PM MST MMH

~~/~~DIRECTOR AND SAC LOS ANGELESROUTINE.....

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC, INFO. CONCERNING , ~~AND~~ CRIME SURVEY. CI-

██████████ ADVISED TODAY THAT SIEGEL IS BEING FORCED TO
CLOSE FLAMINGO HOTEL CASINO FIFTH INSTANT DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS AND
PRESSURE FROM DEL E. WEBB CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR MONEY. ██████████

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

301 Continental Bank Building
Salt Lake City, 1, Utah
February 3, 1947

Director, FBI

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL,
MISCELLANEOUS-INFORMATION
CONCERNING: CRIME SURVEY
TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCES

DECLASSIFIED BY 62-71462/105
ON 11-10-83

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 13, 1947, in the above-captioned matter calling my attention to the fact that in my teletype of December 24, 1946, I advised that technical surveillances were installed on LD Lines 1, 2, 3, and 4, Las Vegas Turf Club, telephone 7070, located on the second floor of the Las Vegas Club, 23 East Fremont Street at 2:00 PM on that date and that the same symbol numbers were utilized for those technical surveillances that were formerly used on similar installations in July, 1946, at which times the telephone numbers were listed as Las Vegas 2460, for LD Line 1; Las Vegas 2283 for LD Line 2; and Las Vegas 2284 for LD Line 3.

On December 24, 1946, technical surveillances were installed on the same four LD Lines at the Las Vegas Turf Club that were previously covered by technical surveillances in July, 1946. Hence, the same symbol numbers were used in December, 1946.

In addition to the four LD Lines, the Las Vegas Turf Club, located upstairs over the Las Vegas Club, has three local lines. The local lines are numbered 2283 (which is the listed telephone number of the Las Vegas Turf Club), 2284, and 2460. The latter two numbers are unlisted. At no time were technical surveillances installed by this office on any of the three local lines numbered 2283, 2284, and 2460.

The telephone number 2442, listed for the Las Vegas Club in the Las Vegas, Nevada telephone directory, is located downstairs in the Las Vegas Club proper (the gambling casino) and has no connection with the upstairs Las Vegas Turf Club, which is a suite of rooms located on the second floor whose business is to handle bets on horse races, and other sporting events, which bets are made by telephone and are received from all over the United States. Therefore, telephone number 2442 had no connection with any technical surveillances maintained by this office.

When the original technical surveillances were installed on the four LD Lines in the Las Vegas Turf Club in July, 1946, [redacted] advised that there were no numbers for these LD Lines [redacted]



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Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL,
MISC., INFO. CON.; CRIME SURVEY
TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCES

and that they were merely designated as Las Vegas Turf Club lines LD 1, 2, 3, and 4. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] Consequently, the only proper way to designate the LD Lines is to designate them as Las Vegas Turf Club LD Lines 1, 2, 3, and 4, Telephone number Las Vegas 7070.

The previous designation in July, 1946, of the following:

LD Line 1, Las Vegas 2460
LD Line 2, Las Vegas 2283
LD Line 3, Las Vegas 2284
LD Line 4.

was in error insofar as the telephone numbers were concerned. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] It was believed that this error had been previously corrected.

Very truly yours,


JAY C. NEWMAN
Special Agent in Charge

AMSD

[REDACTED] b7c
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 2-21-47

FROM : MR. EDW. A. TAMM

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DATE 1-6-85 BY SP-7 mcl/da

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Beahm	
Miss Gandy	

6 In connection with the case involving our coverage of Ben Siegel, ASAC Notesteen called from St. Paul and referred to a letter addressed to the Bureau by Salt Lake City on February 15th. This letter indicated that

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Mr. Notesteen inquired whether this material should be furnished to the Internal Revenue and I pointed out if there was any income tax violation in this transaction, it would not accrue until after March 15, 1948 and accordingly the Bureau would, at the appropriate time, arrange to turn the information over to the Bureau of Internal Revenue here.

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cc-Mr. Rosen

Watch transaction &
here is where Bugsy
may slip up.

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memo to Rosen
3-1-47

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **62-3752**

REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 2-17-47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/15-18, 21-25, 28-31; 11/1, 4-8, 12-15, 18-22, 25-27, 29; 12/2-6, 9-13, 16-20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31 1946 1/2, 3, 6-10, 13-15, 20-24, 27-31, 2/3-7, 10, 11 1947	REPORT MADE BY b7c
TITLE BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, was		CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING; CRIME SURVEY	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 11-6-83 BY 60322/mc/bj

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated January 17, 1947, and December 20, 1946, at Los Angeles, California.
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 3, 1946, at Los Angeles, California.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>G. R. McFarland</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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DETAILS: AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A lead set forth in referenced report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 3, 1946, at Los Angeles, requested the Chicago Field Division to furnish information available with reference to [REDACTED] connection with [REDACTED] or information which would show any of Subject SIEGEL's associations being connected with [REDACTED] b7c

It was noted, however, that during the progress of the CAPCA investigation the [REDACTED] were very close to GEORGE RAFT whenever RAFT visited town during the summer of 1946. It is known that GEORGE RAFT is acquainted with [REDACTED] in Los Angeles. It was also found during the course of the CAPCA investigation that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Inasmuch as [REDACTED] have been mentioned in different reports from the Los Angeles Field Division with regard to VIRGINIA HILL and BUGS SIEGEL, there appears to be no question but that there is a close connection between SIEGEL and the [REDACTED] It was further noted that in one of the referenced reports written by Agent [REDACTED] it was reported that [REDACTED]

The San Francisco Field Division advised by teletype on December 18, 1946 that [REDACTED] and contact of VIRGINIA HILL and BUGS SIEGEL, had been in San Francisco on December 17, 1946, and had been in contact with [REDACTED] VIRGINIA HILL while in San Francisco. b2

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The teletype further stated there had been some indication that SIEGEL, [REDACTED] HILL And [REDACTED] might be engaged in narcotic traffic.

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[REDACTED] mentioned above, is undoubtedly [REDACTED] who is mentioned in the Miami and St. Paul Crime Survey as a gambler-racketeer and suspected jewel thief. Referenced report of Special Agent [REDACTED] indicates that [REDACTED] is presently on the west coast where he is associating with [REDACTED] and probably BUGS SIEGEL. b7c

A lead was set out for the Detroit Office to [REDACTED] b7c

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On February 4, 1947 a teletype was received from Los Angeles advising that this case would be closed and that investigation should be discontinued.

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Inasmuch as teletype from the Los Angeles Field Division, dated February 4, 1947, advised the Bureau desired this case closed, this matter is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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One copy of this report is being designated for the San Francisco Field Division for information to complete previous information furnished that office.

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[REDACTED] who has furnished much information in the CAPGA matter and who desires that his name be kept confidential.

[REDACTED]

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
301 Continental Bank Building
Salt Lake City, 1, Utah
February 15, 1947

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Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

G.I.R.-5

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED]

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DATE 11-6-85 BY SP-2 [illegible]

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To: Director, FBI
Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISC., INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

February 15, 1947

[REDACTED] b7D

In view of the Bureau's interest in SIEGEL and his activities and the fact that the Bureau may desire to make this information subsequently available to the Internal Revenue Bureau, it is requested that St. Paul [REDACTED] b7C b7D

It is also requested that the St. Paul Field Division furnish the Salt Lake City Field Division with all available background information [REDACTED] together with information relating to his activities and possible criminal record in view of the fact [REDACTED] contemplates spending considerable of his time in Las Vegas, Nevada. It is further requested that in transmitting this latter information to the Salt Lake City Field Division, the caption "VICE CONDITIONS, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA - RESEARCH MATTER" be used. b7C

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
JAY C. NEWMAN
SAC

[REDACTED] b7C

62-1130
cc: 94-142
AMSD
cc: St. Paul (AMSD)
cc: Los Angeles (AMSD)

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. Rosen *b7c*

DATE: March 1, 1947

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Mr. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
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Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Miss Gandy

Reference is made to the memorandum in the above captioned matter from Mr. Tamm to the Director dated February 21, 1947, wherein it is related that [REDACTED]

INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

It is noted that the Saint Paul Field Division has [REDACTED]

DIRECTOR'S COMMENT

The Director made the notation on the memorandum; "Watch transaction - here is where Bugsy may slip up."

ACTION BEING TAKEN

Supervisor [REDACTED] is following this case closely with the Saint Paul Office [REDACTED]

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DATE 4-6-85 BY SP-1 mac/RS

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: March 5, 1947

FROM : SAC, ST. PAUL

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was.
 MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING;
 CRIME SURVEY

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 DATE 8-6-95 BY 51-1000000

Los Angeles teletype to St. Paul dated December 20, 1946 in the above captioned matter makes reference to [REDACTED] and inquiring whether he should be interviewed in connection with the [REDACTED] case. b7c

St. Paul teletype to Los Angeles dated December 20, 1946 instructed that [REDACTED] should not be interviewed, and that information regarding his activities and whereabouts should be furnished the St. Paul and Miami Field Divisions in connection with the case entitled "JEWEL THIEVES IN THE MIAMI AREA, NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT". b7c

Salt Lake City teletype dated January 18, 1947 to the Bureau, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami and St. Paul again made reference [REDACTED] b7c

Inasmuch as similar information [REDACTED] was being reported in the case entitled [REDACTED] "NATIONAL STOLEN PROPERTY ACT", in which Salt Lake City is the office of origin, reference was made to the above teletype dated January 18, 1947 in a letter from the St. Paul Field Division to the Bureau dated February 3, 1947 in the [REDACTED] case and copies thereof were furnished the Chicago, Miami, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Los Angeles Field Divisions. b7c

It appeared that identical information regarding [REDACTED] was being reported both in the [REDACTED] file, as well as in instant SIEGEL file, and this memorandum is being prepared for record purposes. G. I. R. -2 b7c

[REDACTED] b7c
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2 cc - Los Angeles (62-2097) [REDACTED]
 1 cc - Chicago &
 1 cc - Salt Lake City [REDACTED]
 1 cc - San Francisco
 1 cc - Miami
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 1 cc - St. P. 87-490

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ral Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

404 New York Building

St. Paul 1, Minnesota

March 6, 1947

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DATE 11-6-85 BY SP-7 mac/bs

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION: E. A. TAMM, Assistant Director

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

Dear Sir:

Salt Lake City letter to the Bureau dated February 15, 1947
requested this office [REDACTED]

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Appropriate arrangements were made whereby [REDACTED]
was photographed by two agents of this office, who took the photographs
themselves, and one of the agents personally brought the film with him
to the St. Paul Field Division.

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[REDACTED]

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This matter was telephonically discussed with Assistant Director
E. A. TAMM on February 20, 1947, who advised that the film should be
developed and printed immediately, and that one photograph of each should
be retained by the St. Paul Field Division, and that thereafter the film
should be returned [REDACTED]

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MR. TAMM further instructed that no
action be taken in turning this information over to the Internal Revenue
until the Bureau has been advised of all of the developments at Duluth, II
at which time the Bureau would make a decision as to whether the information
should be turned over to the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C. or
locally at St. Paul, Minnesota or Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

March 6, 1947

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

Arrangements were made on February 20, 1947, [REDACTED] to immediately develop the six films, which was done, and one copy of each of the six films was made. b7c b7D

In regard to the six films it might be stated that three pictures were taken of the front view of the check and three pictures were taken of the reverse side of the check, and the six pictures are being retained in instant file, together with two negatives.

On February 24, 1947, the same two agents personally delivered to [REDACTED] b7c b7D

The six photographs, which are being retained in instant file, reflect that [REDACTED] b7c b7D

The above six photographs and two negatives will be retained in instant file until instructions are received from the Bureau as to what should be done with the same.

In view of the above facts, the St. Paul, Salt Lake City and Los Angeles Field Divisions should treat the above information as strictly confidential, and it should not be divulged to any outside agency unless specific Bureau instructions to do so are received.

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

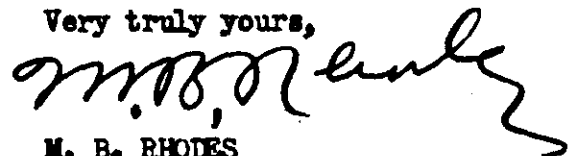
March 6, 1947

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

The Salt Lake City Field Division further requested to be furnished with background information [REDACTED] and the same will be forwarded as requested by the Salt Lake City Field Division in their case entitled, "VICE CONDITIONS - LAS VEGAS, NEVADA - RESEARCH MATTER". b7c

Accordingly, instant SIEGEL case is being Referred Upon Completion To The Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,



M. B. RHODES
Special Agent in Charge

[REDACTED] b7c
62-11460

1 cc - Salt Lake City.
1 cc - Los Angeles

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
104 New York Building
St. Paul 1, Minnesota
March 12, 1947

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

ATTENTION: E. A. TAMM, Assistant Director

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

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Dear Sir:

Bureau memorandum to Salt Lake City dated March 5, 1947, in the case entitled, "VICE CONDITIONS - LAS VEGAS, NEVADA - RESEARCH MATTER", copies of which were furnished the St. Paul and Los Angeles Field Divisions, requested this office to furnish the Bureau immediately the results of the inquiries conducted to date, [REDACTED] in instant transaction.

In the case entitled, "BENJAMIN 'BUGS' SIEGEL, MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY", the Bureau by letter dated March 6, 1947 was furnished with information relative to the inquiries which were made at Duluth, Minnesota.

As requested by the Bureau, there are being transmitted herewith six photographs which are of the front and reverse side [REDACTED] as well as the two negatives.

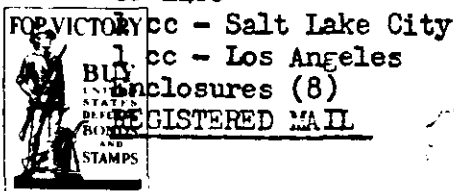
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Very truly yours,

M. B. Rhodes
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Special Agent in Charge

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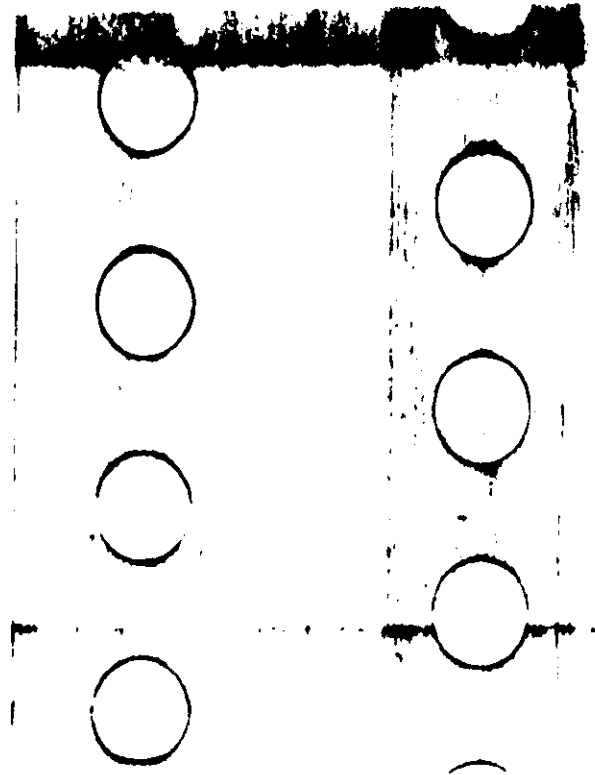
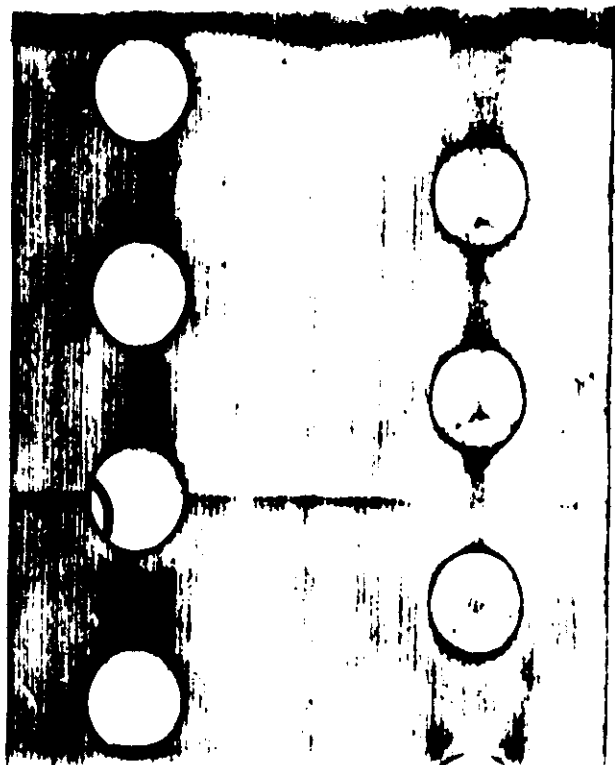
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Mr. Rosen

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SAC, St. Paul

Director, FBI

RE JAMES "BOSS" SINGEL
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Reference is made to the letter from the St. Paul Field Division dated March 12, 1947, in the above-captioned matter in which six photographs of the front and reverse sides of [redacted] were enclosed.

Further reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 5, 1947, in which the St. Paul Division was requested to furnish the Bureau the results of inquiries conducted to date concerning [redacted] together with photographic copies of [redacted] in instant transaction.

The attention of the St. Paul Field Division is called to the letter from the Salt Lake City Field Division dated February 14, 1947, wherein it is set out that [redacted] The St. Paul Field Division is instructed to immediately make appropriate arrangements [redacted]

cc: Salt Lake City
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ATTENTION: E. A. TAMM, Assistant Director

RE: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

G. I. R. 1

Dear Sir:

Please refer to Bureau memorandum to St. Paul dated March 19, 1947.

Letter from the St. Paul Office to the Bureau, Attention E. A. TAMM, Assistant Director, dated March 6, 1947, contains the information regarding the inquiries which were made [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Bureau memorandum dated March 19, 1947, requested this office to obtain [REDACTED] In view of the information appearing in St. Paul letter to the Bureau dated March 6, 1947, it is doubtful [REDACTED]

In the event any additional information is received from [REDACTED] the Bureau will be immediately notified.

There being no other outstanding investigation pending in this territory, this case is being Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

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Very truly yours, *MP Rhodes*

M. E. RHODES
Special Agent in Charge



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TITLE BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL with aliases			CHARACTER OF CASE INFORMATION CONCERNING; CRIME SURVEY; MISCELLANEOUS

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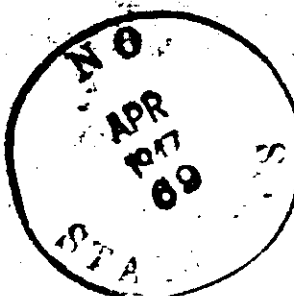
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SIEGEL very active in obtaining new subscribers for Trans-American Service and recently re-installed track crew at Santa Anita for dissemination of race news. I.A. continues to lose money.

[REDACTED] San Francisco character, visited BUGS SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL in Las Vegas at opening of "Flamingo." Further background information on HILL set forth.

[REDACTED] of Sam Goldwyn Studios handling publicity for SIEGEL re the Flamingo. [REDACTED] motion picture producer, may produce a picture entitled "Nick the Greek" using a Las Vegas background which will feature the Flamingo.

[REDACTED] San Francisco gambler, and [REDACTED] engaged in unknown race track scheme at Santa Anita. [REDACTED] picked up by District Attorney investigators and questioned concerning hoodlums in this area.



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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 62-81518
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
dated 1/17/47

Los Angeles, b7c

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

This is a joint report of the writer and Special Agents [REDACTED] b7c

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[REDACTED]

The following information has been submitted by [REDACTED] unless otherwise indicated and covers the period since January 10, 1947, when material was incorporated in the previous report in this case.

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Activities of Jack Dragha

The following information was furnished by [redacted] unless otherwise indicated.

Informant advised that Trans-American News Service, of which JACK DRAGHA is the head in Los Angeles, has been operating at a loss of approximately \$300.00 a week and because of this DRAGHA has been in constant contact with [redacted] regarding this matter and also concerning the operation of a track crew at Santa Anita Race Track. Informant continued that DRAGHA has also been in contact with [redacted]

[redacted] is presently staying at the Chateau Marmont Apartments and occupies the penthouse suite formerly occupied by BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL. According to the informant, this rental was arranged for [redacted]

Details concerning this loan were furnished the Bureau in the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated January 17, 1947 at Los Angeles and captioned: "BENJAMIN 'BUGS' SIEGEL, with aliases".

Informant further advised that an individual referred to by DRAGHA [redacted] is presently in Los Angeles and has been in contact with DRAGHA [redacted]

During the period covered by this report arrangements were completed by DRAGHA for the reinstallation of a lookout at Santa Anita Race Track and on January 25, 1947 this service to subscribers of Trans-American was commenced. On January 24, 1947 DRAGHA contacted [redacted] and advised him that the house at the track was ready and that they would be able to obtain it for \$350.00 a week. DRAGHA stated that "I got the fix over there with the local people so they won't bother them". Also on January 24, 1947 DRAGHA contacted an individual by the name [redacted] (Phonetic), whereupon [redacted] advised that he had obtained 65 feet of wire and had placed it in the house and also had the glasses available. [redacted] referred to the house as the "old standby". He told DRAGHA that he was going to put two fellows in the house and that one man will work on the inside of the track signaling to the house. Informant advised that due to the arrest recently of members of the track crew at Santa Anita DRAGHA contemplates using a different person in the In-field daily. Informant stated that DRAGHA also is not contemplating further arrests in view of the fact that he has "fixed things with the D.A.'s Office and an Arcadia policeman".

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In connection with the "fix" DRAGNA on January 25, 1947 contacted [redacted] in Chicago and advised him that they had a house in Arcadia and that the District Attorney's Office of Los Angeles County as well as the city policemen in Arcadia would no longer bother them. DRAGNA continued to be actively engaged in the promotion of the Trans-Pacific Wire Service and now has several phones located throughout the city of Los Angeles and adjacent communities to provide bookies with this service. DRAGNA has indicated also that he is in some way connected with a banana "deal" and it is believed his partner in this venture is [redacted] a banana concern in Los Angeles.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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...a woman,
...and advised her that she wanted to see him
...at the corner of Crenshaw and Wilshire
...advised that DRAGON who was
...California license 8 T 298, advised the
...California license 8 T 9488. DRAGON got

...some distance away from the meeting
...place was sat and talked
...for over an hour, thereafter returning
...to his automobile and driving away.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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VIRGINIA

[REDACTED]

Through surveillance conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on January 15, 1947, it was observed that the 1946 Chrysler Convertible Coupe registered to SIEGEL was used on three separate occasions to transport clothing and personal effects from the Chateau Harmont Apartments, 812 Linden Drive, Beverly Hills. On one occasion, it was observed by surveilling agents that VIRGINIA HILL accompanied [REDACTED] her brother, to the aforementioned address. On January 10, 1947, the car was also observed in front of the Linden Avenue address. Also, observed in front of the house was a 1937 Packard Sedan, [REDACTED] and a 1940 Packard Sedan. [REDACTED]

During the surveillance it was noted that [REDACTED] while driving SIEGEL's car contacted the operator, [REDACTED] of the Texaco Service Station, 8789 Sunset Boulevard.

[REDACTED] advised that on January 15, 1947 when SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL were moving from their residence that he had observed them driving a 1946 Cadillac Sedan, California license 6 X 880 into the basement garage of the Chateau Harmont Apartments. SIEGEL later advised [REDACTED] that he had considered buying this automobile. A check of the registration, California license 6 X 880 reflects that it is registered to the motion picture actor GEORGE [REDACTED]

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ALVIN "BABY" SIEGEL, was

On January 27, 1947, [redacted] advised the following pertinent information in the case listed concerning SIEGEL's activities:

On January 27, 1947, [redacted] contacted [redacted] in Los Angeles regarding a plan of [redacted] SIEGEL had kept his appointment on this date and [redacted] advised that he had been in Los Angeles and kept his appointment.

On the next day, [redacted] contacted SIEGEL in Los Angeles advising him to contact him immediately. SIEGEL appeared to be reluctant to contact [redacted] and on January 27, 1947, [redacted] advised [redacted] that he should contact SIEGEL at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas inasmuch as SIEGEL had returned to Las Vegas from Los Angeles.

[redacted]

While in Las Vegas, SIEGEL contacted [redacted] on January 26, 1947, advising him that he should tell [redacted] to call him immediately at the Flamingo Hotel. [redacted] subsequently contacted [redacted]

[redacted]

On January 27, 1947, [redacted] advised that [redacted] of Sam Goldwyn Studios in Hollywood, California, had discussed with SIEGEL the possibility of obtaining [redacted] in order that they be billed at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. [redacted] directed [redacted] a publicity agent, to have an office and a secretary at the Flamingo Hotel in order that they publicize their activities properly. At this same time

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...SIBOML. Certain ... advertising ... January 23, 1947 ...

...also present and ... attempting to ... for him on ... per month and that ... also attempt- ... however, SIBOML added that his manager at the ... had an office already arranged for him in ...

...in conclusion at this meeting. ... told SIBOML that he would see ... concerning this thing.

...in connection with the last ... made by ... concerning ... Special Agent ... asserted ... on January 23, 1947 that ... had been contacted previously by ... had asked ... to make a motion picture on the Flamingo Hotel and ... had told ... that he would cooperate with SIBOML in helping him get the Flamingo Hotel started and that ... should contact him upon his return from Cuba. This informant further advised that on January 23, 1947 ... had contacted ... to set up a definite appointment between them.

[REDACTED SECTION]

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[REDACTED] advised on January 27, 1947 that [REDACTED] had contacted one [REDACTED] advising that the Flamingo Hotel was in serious trouble and that it would be necessary that [REDACTED] be in Los Angeles on January 29, 1947 in order to have a meeting with SIEGEL and others. This informant ascertained that on January 30, 1947 VIRGINIA HILL advised [REDACTED] that her brother [REDACTED] and SIEGEL were driving back on this date from Los Angeles to Las Vegas together. [REDACTED] asked VIRGINIA HILL if "she was through with it for a while" and she answered that she was and that she didn't intend to go back to Las Vegas for some time.

[REDACTED] advised that inasmuch as SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL had moved from Chateau Marmont Apartments he had ascertained that VIRGINIA HILL obtained residence at 810 North Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, California from one [REDACTED] who is the legal owner of this residence and a very close associate of VIRGINIA HILL.

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ACTIVITIES OF [REDACTED]

The following represents the activities of [REDACTED] from January 17, 1947 to February 4, 1947. On January 21, 1947 [REDACTED] returned from Las Vegas, Nevada where he was engaged in personally handling BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL's business in the absence of SIEGEL, who was vacationing in Palm Springs, California. On January 22, 1947 it was ascertained from [REDACTED] and also from a mail cover [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On January 22, 1947 [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had conversed with [REDACTED] at which time he advised [REDACTED] that he was with BEN SIEGEL the previous night until 11 p.m. and that he, [REDACTED] was going to take a little money up to Las Vegas the following day. It was further ascertained in this conversation that [REDACTED] was not playing (gambling) at the Flamingo Casino inasmuch as [REDACTED] was friendly toward SIEGEL, et al and if he would win he would hurt them inasmuch as they were in financial straits.

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From the confidential source it was ascertained that [REDACTED] was in daily contact with BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, the purpose of which was obtaining entertainers for the Flamingo Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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[REDACTED]

(The above individuals requested that their identities
be kept confidential).

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

[REDACTED] Friend of VIRGINIA HILL, arrived in Francisco 12/17/46, stayed at St. Francis Hotel

[REDACTED]

No indication of any connection with each other or with [REDACTED]

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In view of the teletype from the Los Angeles Field Division dated February 1, 1962, no further inquiry is being conducted in this case.

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San Francisco File No. 62-2812

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One copy of this report is being designated for the Chicago Field Division in view of the fact that subject resides in that city.

One copy of this report is being designated for the Salt Lake City Field Division in view of the fact that subject is apparently spending a good portion of his time in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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SUBJECT BUGSY SIEGEL

FILE NO. 62-81518

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Salt Lake City

DATE: May 1, 1947

**SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was.
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY
Bureau File No. 62-81518**

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For the Bureau's information, the following is being submitted:

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, was, talked to [redacted] and according to informant verbally abused [redacted] in a violent and profane manner. It appeared that SIEGEL was incensed because he had heard derogatory remarks emanating from officials of the El Rancho Vegas such as informing people not to go to the Flamingo, that it was a "gym joint and full of racketeers." SIEGEL threatened to kill [redacted] the El Rancho Hotel, and to burn the latter down if he, SIEGEL, heard any more such remarks. He informed [redacted] that he had built the Flamingo "for Las Vegas," that he was here to stay and nobody was going to interfere with him. SIEGEL further told [redacted] to go look at "that man of yours [redacted] I just gave him 50 stitches."

SIEGEL believed that [redacted] had made derogatory remarks concerning the Flemings as stated above, and after a "bawling out" in the SIEGEL manner, SIEGEL hit [redacted] over the eye with his gun. [redacted]

After the telephone conversation set forth above, [REDACTED] that he was going to see SIEGEL. [REDACTED]

However, [redacted] called on SIEGEL the next day. At said time SIEGEL had the guns on his desk and again told [redacted] about how he, SIEGEL, had built the Flamingo "for Las Vegas," that he was here to stay and no other hotels were going to interfere with him. He told [redacted] that "we had to push 10 men to get the wire service."

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Director, FBI
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MISC. INFO. CONCERNING - CRIME SURVEY

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Any further developments in connection with the above will be
furnished the Bureau.

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cc: 94-142

SAC, Salt Lake City

May 8, 1947

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Enclosed for the above captioned matter is a copy of the following information:

This is the first instance that this information has been reported to the Bureau. It is noted that the above information was received from the following source:

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San Jose City letter to New York, 10/26/64.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] New York, 10/26/64.

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It is noted that in the reference report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated December 20, 1946, the telephone number [REDACTED] 2-5296 was indicated as having been called from SINGEL's apartment in Los Angeles, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was contacted for information concerning [REDACTED] with whom SINGEL was in contact on several occasions while in New York.

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Mr. VICTOR L. AMSTUTZ, of the Alcohol Tax Unit, Treasury Department, was contacted at his office at 253 Broadway, New York City. He stated that his unit has been investigating the AMERICAN DISTILLING COMPANY and he indicated that the officers as known were [REDACTED], President; HENRY C. COLE, Vice-President and Treasurer; [REDACTED] E. LOCK, Vice-President; [REDACTED] W. MITCHELL, Vice-President; and THOMAS S. [REDACTED], Secretary. SAMUEL [REDACTED] resigned as President of this company effective May 1, 1944.

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... In Federal Court ...
... This suit is still pending.

SMITHSON indicated that the Federal Bureau has been conducting an extensive investigation for some time of the AMERICAN MATCH COMPANY, at Chicago, Illinois, which is the largest manufacturer of matches in the United States. The Bureau has also been carrying on an investigation of the AMERICAN MATCH COMPANY, which is a case of the AMERICAN MATCH COMPANY, who has been vice-president of the AMERICAN MATCH COMPANY. This company acts as a distributor and also distributes liquor through the AMERICAN MATCH COMPANY, INC. and it was through this company in 1943 that the company was selling quotas and selling over ceiling quotas.

ASHITAKE advised that HENRIE KING was unknown to him and his files on the AMERICAN DISTILLING COMPANY reflected no information concerning HENRIE KING.

AMBITAGE and GORDON were possible that KING might be identical with THOMAS H. GORDON. According to AMBITAGE, GORDON was a former employee of the AMERICAN BOOK EXCHANGING COMPANY who was used as a collector for the illicit sales during the war. GORDON was convicted of income tax evasion and refused to disclose the source of his income. He served one year and one day for evasion of income tax.

ARMSTRONG furnished this office with two photographs of GORDON. However, ARMSTRONG indicated that GORDON did not fit the description of KING which had been furnished by the Hotel Park Lane. These photographs were not exhibited to anyone at the Park Lane Hotel. The information concerning KING and his connection with the AMERICAN DISTILLING COMPANY was furnished verbally to ARMSTRONG.

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The records of [REDACTED] disclosed the following information concerning [REDACTED]

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The information furnished in reference teletypes from the Salt Lake City Office, which had been received [REDACTED]

and his connection with [REDACTED] was furnished telephonically to [REDACTED]

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The Los Angeles Office requested by letter dated November 26, 1946 information concerning senders of letters and parcels [REDACTED]. The following information was obtained concerning the individuals mentioned:

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Enclosed with a letter report from the Salt Lake City Office to Seattle New Bureau of the American citizenship arriving from abroad, sponsored by [REDACTED], a check was made of all the passenger ship manifests for ships arriving during the period December 13 to December 19, 1946 with negative results. The Los Angeles and Salt Lake City Offices were so advised.

The files of the New York Office reflect the following information concerning [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The files of [REDACTED] indicate the following information concerning [REDACTED]

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At 180 West 93rd Street, New York City, a review of the directory indicated that the following individuals might possibly be connected with this investigation resided there:

[REDACTED]

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A summary of the above information was furnished to the Miami Office as requested.

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The reference teletype from the Chicago Field Office, dated January 3, 1947, requested this office to identify [REDACTED] who had been contacted by [REDACTED]

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Investigation conducted to identify [REDACTED] who has been contacted [REDACTED] in connection with a deal involving shipments of steel. The indices of the New York Office were negative on this individual. b7C

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The records of the [REDACTED] New York City, were checked [REDACTED] with negative results. b2 b7C

Reference Bureau teletype dated February 4, 1947 instructed that investigation be discontinued in this matter and therefore this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated May 8, 1947 at New York City, can be identified as follows:

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These individuals are being carried as confidential informants in view of their positions [REDACTED]

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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SU FILE NO. 62-1130

REPORT MADE AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	DATE WHEN MADE 5-8-47	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-1-46 to 12-1-47; 4-18-47	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases:			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING; CRIME SURVEY.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

SIEGEL'S activities at Las Vegas, Nevada from 11-1-46 to 2-1-47 consisted of completing, opening, and operating the Flamingo Hotel. Flamingo Hotel has had financial difficulties since its formal opening 12-26-46. On 12-9-46 SIEGEL and MOE SEHWAY cut off Continental Press Wire Service in Las Vegas and began furnishing Trans-American Publishing and News Service, Inc. wire service to all Las Vegas race books.

[REDACTED] and other hoodlums, have visited SIEGEL and the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas.

Activities of other associates set out.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file #62-81,518.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 12-20-46 at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 1-17-47 at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 3-24-47 at Los Angeles, California.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay C. Newman</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 62-81518-433	
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DETAILS:

AT LAS VEGAS, NEVADA:

This is a joint report of Special Agent (A) [REDACTED] and the reporting Agent. Unless the information reflected herein is otherwise attributed as to source, all information was furnished by [REDACTED]

As previously reported to the Bureau and the Los Angeles Division during the period of this investigation, the activities of subject were concerned primarily with the completing, opening, and operating of the Flamingo Hotel of Las Vegas, Nevada. Inasmuch as information has been reported to the Bureau and the Los Angeles Office as developed, only that portion of pertinent information relating to the activities of subject and deemed important is being included herein.

FLAMINGO HOTEL

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[REDACTED] advised on December 19, 1946 that a representative of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Las Vegas, Nevada contacted an unknown person at the Flamingo Hotel and stated that a telegram had been received from [REDACTED] New York City, directed to [REDACTED] Flamingo Hotel, advising "Four met. Leaving today".

The New York City Office was requested by teletype to contact the Immigration and Naturalization Service and attempt to ascertain if a ship arrived recently with four persons of Italian citizenship aboard, sponsored by subject, [REDACTED] or the Flamingo Hotel, whose destination was Las Vegas. The Philadelphia Office was requested to conduct a similar inquiry at the Headquarters of Immigration and Naturalization Service at Philadelphia.

By teletype dated December 27, 1946, the Philadelphia Office advised that [REDACTED] Exemptions and Record Amendment Unit in Charge of Foreign Contract Labor or Immigration and Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, was unable to locate the letter addressed to the Immigration and Naturalization Service by the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce and

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that he was further unable to locate or identify information relative to the entrance of four unknown Italians at New York City.

By teletype dated January 6, 1947, the New York Office advised that all ships arriving from a European port between December 13 and 19, 1946 were checked without locating a record of four persons of Italian citizenship.

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[REDACTED] stated that subject and [REDACTED] made elaborate plans for the formal opening of the Flamingo Casino and restaurant on December 26, 1946, which plans included the bringing of a number of prominent Hollywood movie celebrities to Las Vegas by a privately chartered Lockheed Constellation airplane and by chartering a special all-Pullman Union Pacific train for southern California residents who desired to attend the opening. Informants advised subsequently from time to time that subject and his co-owners of the Flamingo encountered a great deal of difficulty in persuading celebrities and patrons to attend the opening, with the result that the special train had to be canceled due to the fact that, [REDACTED] not one request for reservation was received.

Among the movie celebrities scheduled to attend the opening was GEORGE RAFT, whose presence at the opening was compelled by subject. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The formal opening of the casino and dining room was held as scheduled on December 26, 1946, and among the celebrities present were [REDACTED] Los Angeles, GEORGE RAFT, and a few persons of lesser importance. In order to fill the dining room, subject extended invitations for complimentary dinners to all local, county, and state officials, many of whom declined by telegram and telephone.

A second opening night was held on December 28, 1946, at which time a larger number of movie celebrities were present. Among these were VERONICA LAKE, LUCILLE BALL, GEORGE RAFT, SONNY TUFTS, ELEANOR PARKER, BILL HOLDEN, BRIAN DONLEVY, JUNE HAVER, and BRIAN ARNOLD.

During the opening nights, SIEGEL assumed the responsibility of handling all arrangements and greeting the patrons. [REDACTED] were relegated to the background. The casino patronage was large but not lucrative, and opinions were expressed by Las Vegas residents that the operation of the Flamingo Hotel could not continue successfully because it was too large, too elaborate, and too expensive for Las Vegas. The casino was dominated by the presence, as employees of the casino, of local gambling figures of questionable or known bad reputations. Among these individuals were [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Pursuant to an announcement by the Army Air Corps that unless commercial airlines were removed from McCarran Field, Las Vegas, the Las Vegas Army Air Field would be deactivated. Clark County officials delegated a local committee to select a site for a new commercial air field and to spend one-half million dollars, in addition to Federal funds, to construct or improve a commercial field. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was designated chairman of the Airport Committee. SIEGEL immediately approached [REDACTED] for the purpose of attempting to persuade [REDACTED] to locate the commercial airport at the Alamo Airport located approximately one mile from the Flamingo Hotel on the Las Vegas-Los Angeles highway.

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[REDACTED] advised on December 23, 1946 that [REDACTED] telephonically contacted subject and stated that the committee had approved the use of the Alamo Airport and that these plans were acceptable to the Army. Informant stated that the use of the Alamo Airport by the commercial airlines at Las Vegas would materially benefit SIEGEL and the Flamingo Hotel. b2 b7

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Due to the pressure of business and financial loss at the Flamingo, SIEGEL was forced to take a ten-day vacation in January, 1947, which he spent at Palm Springs, California, with his mistress, VIRGINIA HILL. During this time, the casino was operated by [REDACTED] of Los Angeles, who were sent to Las Vegas by SIEGEL to work and look after SIEGEL'S interests. b7c

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Due to financial difficulties, the Flamingo Hotel was closed by subject in the latter part of January, 1947 and was reopened March 1, 1947 at the formal opening of the hotel portion of the project.

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RACE WIRE SERVICE

In addition to SIEGEL'S activities in completing, opening, and operating the Flamingo Hotel during the period covered by this investigation, SIEGEL was also active in promoting the distribution of race wire service by the Trans-American Publishing and News Service, Inc., the new nation-wide wire service operated by the criminal syndicate in competition with the Continental Press. SIEGEL devoted little actual time to the promotion of this race wire service, however, delegating most of these functions to MOE SEDWAY an associate and employee respectively in the race wire service and race books operating in Las Vegas.

Details as to the plans and steps actually taken by subject in bringing the Trans-American Wire Service to Las Vegas and the actual cutting off of service furnished by the Continental Press in Las Vegas to various Las Vegas race books were reported in the matter entitled "REACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE GANG", Chicago origin.

_____ stated that as of 8:00 AM December 9, 1946, SIEGEL and MOE SEDWAY terminated their use of the Continental Press

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Service at all race books in Las Vegas and "out in" the new Trans-American Service furnished to their distribution center in offices located on the second floor of the Golden Nugget Gambling Hall. In addition to the race books previously existing at the Las Vegas Club, the Frontier Club, the Golden Nugget Gambling Hall, the Boulder Club, the Savoy Club, and the Eldorado Club, SIEGEL and SEINWAY furnished wire service on the same date to the Monte Carlo Casino and opened negotiations with the Hotel El Rancho Vegas and Hotel Last Frontier for the operation of race books. The contemplated race books in the two hotels have not as yet materialized.

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On December 5, 1946, [REDACTED] advised that subject and [REDACTED] were in subject's room, room 412 Hotel Last Frontier, discussing the difficulty JACK DRAGHA was encountering in attempting to put a race track spotting crew to work at the Santa Anita Race Track in California. b2 b7c b7D

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At the present time, SIEGEL is furnishing all race wire service to race books operating in the Las Vegas area through his use of Trans-American Wire Service, and Continental Press has no local outlets.

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On December 22, 1946, [redacted] stated that he was present when [redacted] telephonically contacted subject from Reno, Nevada, and inquired about the availability of Trans-American Wire Service to Reno. [redacted] stated that a friend of his wanted to open a race book at the Frontier Club in Reno. SIEGEL stated that [redacted] was to come to Las Vegas after January 1, 1947, for the purpose of talking to SIEGEL about installing Trans-American Service in Reno. SIEGEL advised [redacted] that "my outfit is direct to all tracks and the service is good."

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Informant stated that SIEGEL was also contacted by a member of the DEL E. WEBB Construction Company in Phoenix, Arizona, who advised SIEGEL that a former Portland, Oregon newspaperman was attempting to obtain competitive news service in Portland and that [redacted] desired SIEGEL'S assistance in prohibiting this competition and in obtaining the Trans-American outlet at Portland for [redacted] is presently using Continental Press Service and serves as distributor for Continental Press Service in the Portland area.

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On December 28, 1946, one [redacted] telephonically contacted SIEGEL from Chicago, according to [redacted] at which time SIEGEL told [redacted] to have [redacted] call SIEGEL and not to give Trans-American Wire Service to anyone in Portland until [redacted] talks with SIEGEL. SIEGEL stated that he had already conversed with [redacted] the Trans-American Publishing and News Service, Inc., about this matter.

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On January 6, 1947, [redacted] stated that he was again present when [redacted] talked with subject from Chicago about giving Trans-American Wire Service in Reno, Nevada to [redacted] also discussed with subject the granting of the Trans-American distribution in Portland, Oregon to [redacted] At this time subject advised [redacted] that the latter should employ [redacted] as a "trouble shooter" for Trans-American and that JACK DRAGHA in Los Angeles is putting everything he earns back into DRAGHA'S scratch sheets. Subject stated that if it were not for the man subject has working for the Trans-American Service in Los Angeles the news service would not be doing any business.

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According to information furnished by [redacted] [redacted] visited SIEGEL at the Flamingo Hotel and the Hotel Last Frontier in Las Vegas on several occasions.

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[REDACTED] arrived at Las Vegas on the night of December 4, 1946 and remained only a few days. He returned to Las Vegas for the formal opening of the Flamingo Hotel on December 26, 1946, and remained until January 2, 1947, when he left for Los Angeles without advising SIEGEL of his departure. [REDACTED] said that SIEGEL became very angry because [REDACTED] had not advised him of his contemplated plans of returning to Los Angeles. b2 b7c b7d

On January 10, 1947, [REDACTED] stated that he was present when SIEGEL received a telephone call from [REDACTED] Los Angeles, at which time [REDACTED] complained to subject that representatives of the Continental Press Service had located a residence near the Santa Anita Race Track in California which was being used by a track crew of Trans-American and that the Continental representatives were negotiating with the owner of the house to oust the Trans-American crew and rent the premises to Continental Press. b2 b7c b7d

On January 15, 1947, SIEGEL departed Las Vegas with his mistress, VIRGINIA HILL, for a ten-day vacation at Palm Springs, California. During this time, SIEGEL sent [REDACTED] to Las Vegas to look after SIEGEL'S interests in the Flamingo Hotel. b2

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[REDACTED] stated that on January 12, 1947, SIEGEL obtained a quantity of money in Los Angeles which he sent to Las Vegas [REDACTED] for the purpose of replenishing the operating funds of the Flamingo Casino. b2 b7c b7d

GEORGE RAFT

Information relating to RAFT'S compelled presence at the formal opening of the Flamingo Hotel December 26 through 28, 1946 by SIEGEL was set out under the heading of the Flamingo Hotel.

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[REDACTED] advised on December 23, 1946 that [REDACTED] had telephonically contacted SIEGEL in informant's presence, and advised SIEGEL that RAFT would be unable to attend the hotel opening because RAFT had to be in court at Los Angeles on December 30, 1946. Subject, at this time, angrily told [REDACTED] to tell RAFT that the latter had to come to b2 b7c b7d

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Las Vegas and that SIEGEL would not take me for an answer.

On December 25, 1946, the same informant stated that [REDACTED] b2
[REDACTED] GEORGE RAFT'S body guard and companion, telephonically contacted SIEGEL
to inquire about the correct highway to take to Las Vegas. Subject did not
have time to talk to [REDACTED] on the telephone to explain
the highway directions. At this time [REDACTED] also complained [REDACTED] that
RAFT did not want to stay at the El Cortez Hotel where SIEGEL had made RAFT'S
reservations, but would like to stay at the Hotel Last Frontier or Hotel El
Rancho Vegas. [REDACTED] made arrangements to have RAFT accommodated at the
Hotel Last Frontier.

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Information has previously been furnished by Bureau by the
Salt Lake City and San Francisco Offices as to the activities [REDACTED] 308
his association with SIEGEL.

[REDACTED] stated that SIEGEL was very b2
anxious to have [REDACTED] attend the formal opening of the Flamingo Hotel and b7c
made reservations [REDACTED] at the El Cortez Hotel from December 28, 1946 b7d
through January 1, 1947. [REDACTED] was to fly to Las Vegas in his privately-owned
plane; however, due to weather conditions [REDACTED] canceled his proposed trip
to Las Vegas but later appeared January 5, 1947.

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As reflected under the heading entitled "Flamingo Hotel". b7c
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During the period of time when the Flamingo Casino was closed
from the latter part of January, 1947, until March 1, 1947, SIEGEL did con-
siderable gambling at various other casinos in the Las Vegas area.

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